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Examiner: H. Lilling

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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2004; and
2. Return Postcard.

If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 15, 2004.

The instant document is filed in response to the Examiner's Action mailed May 19, 2004 ("Office Action").

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 cover a microbial process preparing pravastatin wherein the microorganism is a prokaryote from the genus Micromonospora. All pending claims are rejected in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks and submissions.

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